

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for ~~producing plant protection or plant-strengthening agents for controlling bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular~~ fire blight, characterized in that ~~fungal structures which are capable of multiplication are added to an acidic environment for the treatment of plants comprising~~ providing an acidic environment comprising (1) fungal structures selected from the group consisting of yeast cells, fungal spores and mixtures thereof, and (2) at least one of disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydrogen carbonate is an amount sufficient to maintain a pH of the acidic environment between 3 to 6; and applying the acidic environment to a plant.
2. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the acidic environment is kept within a pH range of ~~from 3 to 6, preferably pH~~ 3.6 to 4.0.
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, including the step of adding blastospores of the species ~~Aureobasisium~~ Aureobasidium pullulans.

5. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, including adding yeast cells of the species *Metschnikowia pulcherrima*.
6. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, including adding citric acid as acidifier.
7. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, including adding whey powder.
8. (currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, including adding (1) blastospores or yeast cells, (2) citric acid and (3) whey powder.
9. (canceled).
10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, including adding spores, conidia and budding yeast cells of filamentous fungi and yeast as fungal structures which are capable of multiplication.
- 11-13. (canceled).
14. (currently amended) A plant protection ~~or plant-strengthening~~ agent for controlling ~~bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular~~ fire blight, ~~characterized in that the product~~ comprises an acidic environment and fungal structures which are capable of multiplication, wherein the acidic environment and fungal structures comprise (1) fungal

structures selected from the group consisting of yeast cells, fungal spores and mixtures thereof, and (2) at least one of disodium hydrogen phosphate and sodium hydrogen carbonate is an amount sufficient to maintain a pH of the acidic environment between 3 to 6.

15. (currently amended) A plant protection ~~or plant-strengthening~~ agent for controlling ~~bacterial and/or fungal plant diseases, in particular fire blight, characterized in that~~ wherein 1 kg of product comprises:

~~approx. 2×10^{11} to 1×10^{13} , in particular 2×10^{12}~~
blastospores of the species ~~Aureobasisium~~ Aureobasidium
pullulans;

~~approx. 2×10^{11} to 1×10^{13} , in particular 3×10^{12}~~ yeast
cells of the species Metschnikowia pulcherrima;

100 g to 400 g, ~~in particular 300 g of~~ citric acid;

50 g to 250 g, ~~in particular 150 g of~~ disodium hydrogen
phosphate; and

100 g to 500 g, ~~in particular 400 g of~~ whey powder.

16-22. (canceled).